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7 LAKSHMI ARUNACHALAM,
8 Plaintiff,
9 v.
10 FREMONT BANCORPORATION, et al.,
11 Defendants.

12 Case No. 15-cv-00023-EDL, 15-cv-00024-
13 EDL, 15-cv-00025-EDL

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15 **ORDER**

16 Plaintiff filed these cases on January 5, 2015. On February 5, 2015, Plaintiff filed her
17 Consent to Proceed Before a United States Magistrate Judge in each case. On March 13, 2015, the
18 Court issued an Order relating the three cases, and reassigning the cases to this Court. On March
19 16, 2015, Plaintiff filed another form regarding consent and declination, which indicated
20 Plaintiff's declination to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge with the following
21 explanatory handwritten note: "Due to Judge Laporte's conflict of interest with Trulia Inc.'s
22 counsel and the 2 cases are related." See 15-cv-23 EDL (docket no. 20).

23 It appears that Plaintiff is seeking to withdraw her consent to proceed before a United
24 States Magistrate Judge in all three related cases. Withdrawal of consent in civil cases is only
25 permitted in extraordinary circumstances. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(4); Dixon v. Ylst, 990 F.2d 478,
26 480 (9th Cir. 1993) ("Once a civil case is referred to a magistrate judge under section 636(c), the
27 reference can be withdrawn by the court only 'for good cause shown on its own motion, or under
28 extraordinary circumstances shown by any party.'"). "There is no absolute right, in a civil case, to
withdraw consent to trial and other proceedings before a magistrate judge." Dixon, 990 F.2d at

1 480. The Court is not aware of any conflict of interest that would prevent it from presiding over
2 these matters. Nor has Plaintiff pointed to any extraordinary circumstances to justify withdrawal
3 of consent. Accordingly, Plaintiff's consent in all three cases is still in effect.

4 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

5 Dated: March 17, 2015

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7 Elizabeth D. Laporte
United States Magistrate Judge

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